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WIND ENSEMBLE

Symphonic Band Excellence

Dear High School Musician,

The Central Iowa Wind Ensemble is delighted to extend an invitation to the 2026 Aimee Krug Memorial Student Solo Competition. We are excited to provide a platform for talented high school musicians in Central Iowa to showcase their skills and passion.

Competition Details:

- **Registration Deadline**: January 19th, 2026
- **Eligibility**: Open to any high school student in Central Iowa playing a wind or percussion instrument and part of a school instrumental music program. Must reside or attend school in Polk, Jasper, Marion, Warren, Madison, Dallas, Boone, or Story counties. Previous winners are not eligible.

Solo Selection:
Students are required to choose a solo with an available band accompaniment. For guidance on repertoire selection, refer to the suggested list at ciwe.org or consult with your band director, private teacher, or local music store.

Auditions:
Date: Sunday, February 15th, 2026 Time: 1-3 p.m.
Location: Valley High School, West Des Moines
Accompanist: Students must provide their own piano accompanist.

Prizes:

- First Place: $1,000 cash prize, performance with the Central Iowa Wind Ensemble on Sunday, May 3rd, 2026, at Staplin Performing Arts Center, West Des Moines
- Second Place: $500 cash prize
- Third Place: $250 cash prize

Rehearsals:
The winner must be available for rehearsals on Sunday afternoons (4:00-6:00 pm) in April at Valley High School, with a commitment of 30 minutes per session.

Entry Fee:
A non-refundable $20 entry fee is applicable for selected auditionees, payable with registration. Checks should be made payable to Central Iowa Wind Ensemble. Online payment can be made through CIWE's donation page.

For any queries or clarifications, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to your participation in this enriching musical experience.

Warm regards,

Rose Kundel
Vice President
Central Iowa Wind Ensemble

2026 Aimee Krug Memorial Student Solo Competition Registration form

Registration Deadline: January 19th, 2026

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Instrument: _____

Mailing Address:_____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Current Grade: _____ School: _____ Band Director:_____

Accompanist:_____

Name of Solo:_____Composer: _____Length (12 minute max): _____

Publisher of the band Arrangement: _____

Verify the arrangement is in publication so CIWE can purchase. If not, contact CIWE as we may be able to borrow or rent band arrangement. Do not assume availability of the band arrangement.

Private Teacher Name: _____ Number of years studied: _____

Private teacher phone: _____Private teacher email: _____

Have you been selected for Iowa All-State?: Yes___ No ___ Year: _____

High School State Solo Contest:

9th grade: Yes ____ No _____ Solo title/composer:_____ Rating: _____

10th grade: Yes ____ No _____ Solo title/composer:_____ Rating: _____

11th grade: Yes ____ No _____ Solo title/composer:_____ Rating: _____

Other high school activities, honors, and/or accomplishments (including solos performed):

I have read the eligibility guidelines and requirements for the Central Iowa Wind Ensemble Student Solo Competition. By signing below, I certify that I am eligible to compete and agree to comply with the competition requirements.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Information and Waiver for Participation

As a parent/guardian of a Central Iowa Wind Ensemble Student Solo Competition Participant, I hereby agree that my student and I have read the eligibility and requirement guidelines. By signing below, I give my permission for my student to participate and certify that they are eligible to compete.

In consideration of the Central Iowa Wind Ensemble accepting my child's entry into the Aimee Krug Memorial Student Solo Competition, I personally, on behalf of my child, assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activity. I do further release, absolve, and waive any right to bring a claim, action, suit, or other proceeding against the Central Iowa Wind Ensemble, its Staff, Directors, or Sponsors, for damages due to any injuries suffered as a result of participation in the program.

_____ Yes, you may use my child's name and picture in the program and for publicity purposes.

Parent name: _____

Parent phone:_____ Parent email: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian:_____ Date: _____

Applications must be received by January 19th, 2026

You will be notified of your application status by email.

Application checklist:

- ☐ Verify solo piece has an available band accompaniment. www.ciwe.org/outreach/solo
- ☐ Verify student is available for audition Sunday afternoon, February 15, 2026
- ☐ Verify student is available for CIWE Concert on Sunday afternoon May 3rd, 2026
- ☐ Check for $20 registration fee, payable to the Central Iowa Wind Ensemble. Online payment can also be made using CIWE's donation page: http://www.ciwe.org/support/
- ☐ Completed application form

Forms may be emailed **OR** sent in the mail:

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